

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 18, 2002

## BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING SCHEDULES HEARING

The Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining will meet in regular session on Wednesday, March 27, 2002 in the auditorium of the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a briefing session conducted by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, and the formal agenda will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Among the items to be discussed during the briefing are a report on upcoming projects in the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program, Oil and Gas Bonding Rulemaking, and a discussion of the Minerals Regulatory Program Mill Site Policy.

Also scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. are presentations by nominees for 2002 Earth Day Awards. Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation, Interstate Brick Co. & Peck Rock & Products, and West Ridge Resources will each make a 10-minute presentation to the Board to explain projects that may be worthy of recognition. Those projects that satisfy the requirements for recognition will be formally presented with a 2002 Earth Day Award at the Board's next hearing in April.

## <u>AGENDA</u>

1. <u>Docket No. 2002-001, Cause No. 007-14</u> - In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of Harold Behling, as Executor of the Estate of William Behling, Petitioner, Requesting that the Board Conduct a Hearing to Determine Why Proceeds from the Sale of Production from the State 1-22 Well and the Ferron MRC 27 Well in Emery County, Utah, have not been Properly Disbursed.

This matter is continued from the January hearing.

2. <u>Docket No. 2002-006, Cause No. 243-08</u> - In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of Phillips Petroleum Company for an Order Extending the Board's Order Entered in Cause No. 243-2 to Suspend Application of the Board's Order Entered in Cause No. 243-1 and Utah Admin. Code Rule R649-3-2 Insofar as they Pertain to Lands Added to the Drunkards Wash Federal Exploratory Unit via its Seventh Expansion, Covering Portions of Township 14

South, Ranges 9 and 10 East, Township 15 South, Range 10 East, and Township 16 South, Range 8 East, SLM, Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah.

The Board is being asked to suspend state rules as applied to federal lease lands.

3. <u>Docket No. 2002-007, Cause No. 220-04</u> - In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of J.M. Huber Corporation for an Order Modifying and Extending the Board's Order Entered in Cause No. 220-2 to Include Additional Lands in Sections 1-13 and 16-24, Township 12 South, Range 10 East, SLM, Carbon County, Utah, and the Production of Gas (including but not limited to Coalbed Methane) from the Lower Mesaverde Group.

Petitioner is seeking a modification of an earlier Board order to change spacing.

4. <u>Docket No. 2002-008, Cause No. 248-01</u> - In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. for an Order Establishing 160-Acre (or Substantial Equivalent Thereof) Drilling and Spacing Units for the Production of Gas from the Ferron Formation in the Portions of Township 14 South, Ranges 7 and 8 East, SLM, Carbon County, Utah.

Petitioner is seeking a 160-acre spacing order.

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